

WILLIAM J. MARTIN.

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FEBRUARY 21, 1889.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. BLISS, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 12608.]

The committee report as follows on the bill (H. R. 12608) granting a pension to William J. Martin:

That Col. William J. Martin is a survivor of the Florida Indian war. He was severely wounded while charging the Indians with his company under Capt. John Sconce, in Col. Alexander Morgan's Spy Battalion, Missouri Volunteers, on December 25, 1837, in a hotly contested battle at Lake Okachuba, where the Indians were completely routed, and all their stock and equipage captured, and, as it is shown to us, the old wounds and exposure have left their painful marks, which now in his advanced years are constantly felt. During the Oregon and Washington Territory Indian wars of 1855-'56 he served as lieutenant-colonel of the Second Regiment Oregon Mounted Volunteers, and rendered valuable services to the frontier and nation in various active engagements. He is now in old age, and in limited means, being dependent on his own scanty labors on his homestead claim. His services are frequently referred to in the history of his State.

In the opinion of your committee he presents a most meritorious case, and in view of the facts before us we recommend the passage of the bill.